



West Bountiful City

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Mayor's Message

Maintaining the Quality of Our Neighborhoods

By Mayor James Behunin

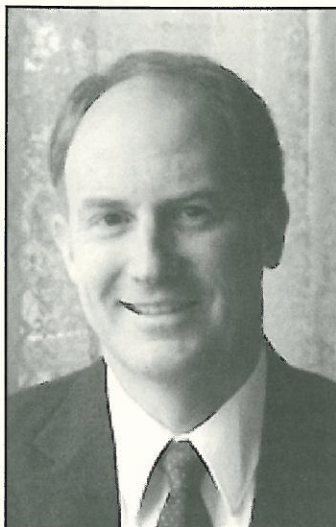
The majority of homes in West Bountiful are attractive and well maintained. However, if just a few homes are allowed to fall into disrepair it can affect the entire neighborhood. The city continues to receive complaints about specific homes where the yard is overgrown with weeds, or the garage was built but the siding was never done, or piles of manure have built up on the horse stall.

Some yards are cluttered with unregistered and inoperable cars. Some members of our community have accumulated all sorts of used building materials, old recreational vehicles, and other treasures which they store in their yards for some future use. Each of these conditions are in violation of the city ordinances designed to maintain the appearance and beauty of our neighborhoods. When the ordinances are not followed, it reflects poorly on the city as a whole.

Many fear that if the city does not require home owners to maintain their homes and yards, it could lead to a downward spiral in the quality of our neighborhoods. In fact, a few residents report that they have had difficulty selling their homes because potential buyers have been scared away by the poor condition of neighboring homes. Others have complained about the unsafe, unhealthy and unsightly conditions of neighboring properties.

For this reason, the city needs to step up its efforts to require compliance with its city nuisance ordinances. For some residents it may be a matter of simply notifying them of the community standards. Others, however, face difficult circumstances such as unemployment, divorce, illness which have made it difficult for them to attend to their homes and yards. In any case, we as a city need to identify the problem homes and work with the owners to correct the situation.

You Can Help! The mayor and council have decided to form a City Beautification



Committee consisting of volunteers who are willing to spend a few hours each month helping with the city's efforts to improve the quality of our neighborhoods. Committee members will be asked to review and update the city's nuisance ordinance and identify those homes and yards that need attention. Letters will be sent encouraging residents to comply with the ordinances and other solutions will be sought for families facing special hardship. If necessary cases of noncompliance will be referred to the city prosecutor for formal legal action.

We would encourage all those willing to help maintain the quality of our neighborhoods to contact the Mayor or Council member McKean and volunteer to serve on the City Beautification Committee.

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Trudi Thomas 5K Memorial Run Set for Sept. 13

Mark your calendar for the 2nd annual Trudi Thomas 5K Run on September 13. This run is sponsored by many generous people and businesses in the community to raise scholarship funds for the University of Utah in memory of Trudi Thomas.

Trudi was the runner hit and killed in front of city hall January of 2007 while jogging. Last year \$16,000 was earned for the scholarship fund. Scholarships will be awarded to someone in our area.

So get your running/walking shoes ready for this fun run. It's for the whole family and kids in strollers, bikers, and even dogs are welcomed.

Check at the city for registration forms to be available in August. Donations can be made to the Trudi Thomas Fund and turned in at the city offices. Tax forms are available for those that donate.

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